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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1 (Once amended). A sling seat, comprising:

a plurality of flexible layers of material, with each layer having a top side, a bottom side, a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of generally parallel side edges, with each side edges of said layers fastened together to form a pair of generally parallel side seams;

and means for separately [support] supporting each side seam to form a sling seat,

characterized in that each of said flexible layers of material has a non-uniform stiffness, and at least one flexible pad is located between [each] at least two of said layers of material.